PTO/SE/08A (08-03) Approved for use through 07/31/2006, OMB 0651-0031

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required	to respond to a collection of inform		
Substitute for form 1449/PTO	Complete if Known		
	Application Number		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)	Filing Date		
	First Named Inventor	Michael D. Gers	
	Art Unit		
	Examiner Name		

Sheet

Attorney Docket Number AP016-04

			U. S. PATENT	DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (* Innom)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Unes, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
ALINI	1	US- 4368745 A	01-18-1983	McGuffey, Patrick Jr	
FIAN	2	^{US-} 4383374 A	05-17-1983	Bertero, Anthony	
0 00		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
*		US-			
		US-			
•••••		US-			
	1	US-			
		US-	1		
	 	US-		<u> </u>	····

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS										
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Oate MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁰				
	1	Country Code ³ "Number ⁴ "Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				1				
	3	FR 2654209 A	05-10-1991	Cohen, Viotor		Ĺ.,				
	4	FR 2497640 A	07-16-1982	Asakura, Hiromi-						
		/				Π				

Examiner
Signature

*EXAMINER: Italia if reference considered, whether or not cliation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through cliation if not in conformance and n

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not cliation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique cliation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that Issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Nind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Translation is attached.
This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.